

February 17, 2018. On this day, there will be a celebration at Dawson Elementary School located at 180 Northstar Drive in Columbus, Georgia.

Minister Ollie Woods Tarver was born on February 17, 1936 in Hatchechubee, Alabama to the union of the late Mr. William Woods and Minister Mattie Mae Woods. A product of the Russell County School System, she graduated from Russell County Training School, and went on to earn a Bachelor's of Science degree from Albany State University and a Master's of Science degree from Fort Valley State University in Elementary Education. Throughout her career, she taught in the Muscogee County School System for 31 years.

Minister Tarver is not only a profound educator but also a strong spiritual leader. Throughout her pastoral career, she has played a leading role in several religious-affiliated and community-based organizations. In addition to serving as pastor of Ollie Tarver Ministries, she has also served as Chaplain for several institutions and entities including: Christian Life School of Theology; Beacon University; Columbus Chamber of Commerce; Columbus City Council; and Fountain City Care and Rehabilitation.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Minister Tarver has gone far in life because her everlasting faith in the Lord is vivid testimony of His greatness to all whom she encounters. Her love and commitment to Christ is reflected in her compassionate leadership, which makes her a guiding light within the community.

Minister Tarver has accomplished many things in her life but none of these would have been possible without the grace of God and her loving husband, Otis; their son, Earl; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. On a personal note, my wife Vivian and I have truly been blessed by Minister Tarver's sage counsel, encouragement, and enduring friendship over the many years that we have known her.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia ask my colleagues in the House to join us in commending and recognizing Minister Ollie W. Tarver for her selfless service to God, the church, and to humankind. We extend our best wishes to her as she and her family and friends celebrate her 82nd birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. HOLLY ADAMS FOR HER INTERNSHIP WITH THE UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON IN- TERNSHIP PROGRAMME

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Holly Adams. Holly has been an intern in my Washington, D.C. Congressional office since the beginning of January, through the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP).

For the past 19 years, the program has paired students from nearly a dozen partner universities in Australia with offices on Capitol Hill, giving hundreds of students the opportunity to work in the halls of Congress. I have been honored to host a number of extremely talented interns through the UCWIP. Holly is, of course, no exception.

Holly is currently enrolled at Deakin University in Geelong, Victoria, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Laws Degree and a Bachelor of International Studies Degree. As a student of International studies, she has already travelled extensively, participating in international politics study tours in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, as well as Tokyo.

Holly has proven herself to be a very hard-working and dedicated individual. Throughout her internship, she has interacted extensively with my constituents, by drafting correspondence, helping to address questions, comments, and concerns for those contacting or visiting my office. She has also attended a number of hearings and briefings on a wide range of topics facing our nation and world.

Indeed, Holly proved herself to be so capable, she prepared a FY2019 Programmatic Request letter for circulation throughout the U.S. House of Representatives on rail safety. It is no wonder that she was chosen by her classmates to give the "valedictory" speech at her program's closing reception.

Last year, Holly was accepted to study international human rights at Kings College, London. I have no doubt that she will do great as she continues her studies. I am proud to congratulate Holly on all of her achievements, and to thank her for everything that she has done for my office, my district, state, and our country. She has a very bright and exciting future ahead of her, and I wish her the very best.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER FRIZZELL FOR HER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

#### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2018*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere gratitude for Jennifer Frizzell as she moves on after fifteen years from her role leading public policy work for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.

Throughout Jennifer's long career as an advocate for reproductive rights and improved access to family planning resources, she has helped support women across New Hampshire in obtaining well-deserved quality healthcare. Whether it's been advocacy to protect buffer zones outside of clinics or fighting against a lawsuit to prevent the opening of a Planned Parenthood in downtown Manchester, Jennifer has made invaluable contributions to our state and the country. Her commitment and compassion have improved the lives of countless women in need, and she has cultivated a better future for Granite State women and families.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District and all those who have

benefitted from Jennifer's work, I thank her for her incredible service and congratulate her on all that she has accomplished. I wish her the best of luck in the years ahead, and I look forward to our continued work together to make New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2018*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call vote 70 on February 13, 2018. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 70.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2018*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I will miss votes scheduled for Wednesday, February 14 and Thursday, February 15, 2018 due to the planned funeral of my oldest brother George LoBiondo in Rosenhayn, New Jersey.

#### HONORING RONALD E. JACKSON FOR OVER 50 YEARS SERVING IN THE ESSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ronald E. Jackson for over 50 years of service in the Essex Fire Department.

Ron joined the Essex Fire Department in 1964, where he held the roles of Fire Lieutenant, EMS Captain, Fire District Commissioner, Assistant Fire Chief, and Fire Chief. He remains active in the Department to this day, responding to fire and EMS calls as a volunteer member of Department.

For Ron, fire fighting runs in the family. He followed his father Gerald's lead in becoming a firefighter, and was glad to pass on the torch to his son, Craig, and his grandsons, Warren and Benjamin, who all currently serve.

Ron is truly dedicated to his community. When tragedy struck New York on September 11, 2001, Ron bravely served as a responder at Ground Zero in the days following the attack. A true public servant, Ron now serves as Essex Town Supervisor and formerly chaired the Essex County Republicans.

I would like to thank Ron for his many years of public service to the people of New York, especially to the town of Essex. His commitment to serving others sets a wonderful example for the residents of New York's 21st District.